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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE YOUR 12705, PARA 6 CONCERNING SOVIET-SOMALIAN AND EARLIER SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE. AS WE READ JULY 14 ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE, ONLY EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO "SOVEREIGNTY," "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND "NON-INTERFERENCE" WERE IN RELATION TO SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS AND NOT FTAI.

2. RE YOUR REQUEST FOR TEXTS (YOUR 12767, PARA 1), WE UNDERSTAND THAT STATEMENT RELEASED TO PRESS ON AUGUST 10 (STATE 200975) WAS IDENTICAL TO PAPER PRESENTED OFFICIALLY. AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTED, THEY DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR IMPLIED SUGGESTION TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE MARCH-APRIL PARALLEL STATEMENTS TO COVER NOT ONLY WEAPONS TESTS BUT ALSO PEACEFULS. DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN WAS INSTRUCTED ON AUGUST 12 TO CEASE COMMENTING ON "VIOLATION" QUESTION. REGARDING RATIFICATION, MOST RECENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT SENATE WILL NOT ADDRESS ISSUE THIS FALL BEFORE ELECTIONS.

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3. RE YOUR 12599, JOHNSON DID NOT LEAVE PHONE NUMBERS WITH US OR LOUNGE AND WE WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT JOHNSON'S PARENTS UNTIL TODAY TO DETERMINE JOHNSON'S

TRAVEL PLANS. ACCORDING TO THEM, JOHNSON AND FAMILY RETURNED MOSCOW FROM LOS ANGELES AUGUST 10.

4. WE THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE BAKKE MATTER. ON AUGUST 2 A LETTER WAS SENT TO BAKKE TAKING EXCEPTION TO THE MANNER IN WHICH BAKKE SIGNED THE "MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT" OF JULY 16. LETTER ALSO MADE CLEAR DEPT'S RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO CLEAR MATTERS BEING DISCUSSED BY OTHER AGENCIES WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. BAKKE REPLIED IN LETTER DATED AUG 4 ASSERTING HIS STATUTORY AUTHORITY UNDER THE SHIPPING ACT OF 1916. A REPLY TO THAT LETTER HAS NOT YET BEEN SENT, BUT HE WAS CALLED IN TO SEVENTH FLOOR TODAY AND CHEWED OUT. IN HIS AUG 4 LETTER BAKKE CONTINUES TO ASSERT THAT HE INFORMED EMBASSY IN THE PERSON OF KEN YALOWITZ OF WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO WITH THE SOVIETS. REST ASSURED WE DO NOT ACCEPT BAKKE'S REMARKS ABOUT KEN. INCIDENTALLY WE HAVE INDICATIONS FROM THE FMC, THAT BAKKE THOUGHT VERY HIGHLY OF KEN'S SUPPORT OF THE FMC DELEGATION. COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BEING POUCHED. ROBINSON

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